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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MOPS, MR, SS  
SUBJECT: SAHARA: FOOTNOTE ON ZOUERATT RAID

1. ACCORDING TO JOURNALIST WHO ATTENDED CELEBRATION IN TINDOUF OF FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF START OF SAHARA FIGHTING, STORY WAS MAKING ROUNDS IN TINDOUF THAT THREE RESIDENTS OF ZOUERATT SLIPPED QUIETLY OUT OF TOWN FOUR DAYS BEFORE RAID AND APPARENTLY GUIDED POLISARIO ATTACKERS THROUGH ZOUERATT DEFENSES ON MAY 1. THIS WAS ABOUT ONLY INDICATION JOURNALIST ABLE TO UNCOVER THAT POLISARIO RECEIVING HELP FROM WITHIN SAHARA, MOROCCO OR MAURITANIA. POLISARIO TOOK PREDICTABLE LINE, JOURNALIST SAID, THAT SOME OF THEIR KINSFOLK STILL LIVING IN SAHARAN TOWNS AND WERE BEING FORCIBLY PREVENTED FROM REJOINING THEIR FAMILIES IN EXILE IN ALGERIA.

2. WHILE ON SUBJECT OF ZOUERATT, WE TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE COLONEL HUGHES, USDAO NOUAKCHOTT, ON HIS DETAILED AND LIVELY REPORTING OF RAID.LYNE  
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